



April 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just Point Loma Garden Club Fun!

February and March were busy, busy months with preparations for the Plant Sale, and wasn't it fun! A sense of community built around a love of people, plants, and gardening! That's one of the goals of our Garden Club and in the last two months this was so much in evidence with all the activities!

A resounding SHOUT OUT to Dan, Melinda, and Lauren! They were remarkable. Among many other things, Dan did an amazing job with Plant Sale publicity. We don't have a publicity chairperson and did Dan ever fill that void! He stepped forward, developed a terrific flyer with his wife, and great strategies for publicizing our event. In fact, the Board was so impressed with his social media work they decided to forego the costly print advertising we have had to pay for in the past. And Melinda — what can we say — she came forward in an amazing way with our workshops to make them successful and fun! We are indebted to this team for their talent, their hard work, and our successful Plant Sale!

Enjoy April — a special month for gardening! It has warmed up a bit, and the ground is just asking for activity. If you're an active gardener, you are ready to go with trowel in hand! If you're a spectator gardener, what a month to enjoy plants! Gardens are in a lovely stage, and there's a wonderful assortment of plants and flowers to see everywhere — in yards, in the neighborhood, and in parks, nurseries, and stores. Anyway, you choose, enjoy all the gorgeous plants and flowers, and most of all enjoy friends, and the fun Club activities coming up!

Jill & Kay

“The lesson I have thoroughly learned, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives.” Gertrude Jekyll

Fausto Palafox speaking at our March meeting.



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WAYS AND MEANS

Greetings members,

Depending on when you read this newsletter, the plant sale is just about to happen or it already did. Either way, many, many thanks to all who helped to make it a success. Whether you helped at one of the workshops, donated plants or garden items, helped with watering, transported plants to the hall, helped at the hall or helped with clean up, **THANK YOU.**

In other news:

The March 8th General Meeting was fun and a success for the Garden Marketplace hosted by Dan, Melinda, and Lauren. We made \$332. In sales; the two fern stag horns brought in a notable purchase.

For the next General Meeting, bring in the goods please!!

Regards,

Dan Dennison and Melinda Medina -ways and means co-chairs.



So many plants ready for the sale.



Everyone busy planting.

MEMBERSHIP



Membership Quiz of the Month:

How many classes of membership does PLGC have?

- a. 2
- b. 3
- c. 4
- d. 5

Answer **d**. There are five classes of membership in our club – Active, Inactive, Honorary, Life (no longer awarded) and Golden Poppy. This month we want to highlight the “inactive” membership class.

Perhaps you are going to be out of town for an extended period. Or maybe there is a serious illness in your family, or even you yourself are ill. Or maybe there is just too much going on in your life right now and you need to temporarily shed some obligations.

Well, the Inactive membership option was designed for these situations! To quote our bylaws,

“A member who has been active for a minimum of two (2) years may apply for this status by informing the membership chairman on or before May 31 for the following year. This status must be renewed yearly. This status shall receive the newsletter. An inactive member will not pay dues or have host/hostess duties and also will not be entitled to the privileges of membership, of making motions, voting or holding office. A member may stay in this category for no longer than two (2) years, after which time that membership will either be terminated, or the member will again become active.”

So, as much fun as Garden Club is, if you need an extended break, don't hesitate to contact one of us!

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NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, April 12
Portuguese Hall
9:30a.m.-noon

9:30-10 a.m. Light brunch, Buffet Floral Design – Karen Worthington

Hospitality- Sally Rathbone, Kathi Reid, Dale Rekus, Hanna Richardson, Alexandra Ritchey, Karla Roddy, Laurie Roeder, Carol Rollins, Donna Roth, Patricia Rutledge, Dorothy Schmidt, Carolyn Scott, Cathy Sevel, Debbie Sherman, Rise Smith

10 A.M. – General Meeting

5 Minute Presentation: Toni Munsell- Puddlers & Nesting

Program: Dale Rekus – How to put on a Flower Show.

Dale Rekus, winner of multiple flower show ribbons, an Art Alive designer, and General Chair of the 2019 PLGC flower show, *A Touch of Class*, will give a Power Point presentation on flower shows. Starting with a short history of flower arranging, it will include information about the five Divisions of a flower show as well as how easy it is to enter them. It will culminate with details of the flower show the club will put on at the Point Loma Library in October of this year.

Lecture

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The next board meeting will be April 5 at the home of Sherry Hebert. The May meeting will be held at the home of Susan Ritchey.

POINT LOMA LIBRARY FLORAL DISPLAYS

Many thanks to Kay Anderson and Dale Rekus for providing flowers for March.

Date	Volunteer
April 1	Ken Fernandes
April 8	Jan Kuegler
April 15	Jill West
April 22	Volunteer needed.
April 29	Volunteer needed

Thank you to all our volunteers. The floral arrangements are so much appreciated and add a lovely touch to the Pt Loma Library.
To provide flowers, please contact me by email - Btcondor@yahoo.com



Patricia Rutledge and Jim Tullar at the Blue-Sky Ecological Preserve



Marty Tullar on the trail

HORTICULTURAL TABLE

Our next meeting is on April 12th. Since Spring has already sprung there will now be lots of flowering plants for you to display at the Horticultural Table. It should be easy to bring in a cut flower, flowering plant or bulb from your garden for the rest of us to admire.

Our March Horticulture Table was the most spectacular showing yet with the largest number of members participating (8) and the most number of specimens (15) presented. Carol Grant brought in a potted Poinsettia plant and Mary Brothers had a red Amaryllis bulb for us to admire. Jan Kugler displayed her Brandi de la Crus Leucospermum pincushion Protea, and Patricia Ruthledge also brought in an orange Protea bloom. Debbie Hall displayed her beautiful Dendrobium flower and also a special yellow Clivia miniate flower stalk. Colleen Casey dazzled us with her award-winning bouquet of at least twenty-five orange Abutilon Chinese lantern flowers and also a couple of succulents that were planted in a special mosaic pot that she and her mom made. She also displayed another tall bloom in a shamrock cup. Kathy Walsh brought in a long blooming Grevillea branch, a giant red honey bush Melianthus flower, and a Chasmanthus floribunda bloom. Finally, Jim showed off a sprig of blue flowers from his sandpaper vine (Petra volubilis).

Since our next meeting is just a few days after Easter there should still be some chocolate crème eggs for those of you who visit the table to discover and devour. Let's make our display even more spectacular than it was in March. As always you can bring in more than one specimen. April often provides us with some blooming daffodils, tulips, cherry blossoms, magnolia, azaleas or perhaps even a clivia bloom to see, share and admire.

Jim Tullar
Horticultural Table



Jim at the Horticultural Table

SOCIAL IN THE GARDEN

Join us for the first Social in the Garden this year at Rebecca Long's Garden. Rebecca and her husband's garden was written up and published in *the Union Tribune* in June of 2022. The garden is unique and mystical. There are a number of steps in their front yard leading up to their home. If you have any physical limitations, this could prove to be an issue for you.

Rebecca is on a cul-de-sac with limited parking. Carpooling is encouraged. Since we are expecting a lot of members, we are asking you to commit to which session you will attend. Each session will be limited to 30 people.

Session 1 2-3:30pm

Session 2 4:30-6pm

Registration to this event will be by email or phone call Bev Bruff to bevbruff@yahoo.com or 858 268 8088 only. At the time of registration, you will be given a number. No walk-ins will be allowed.

You are more than welcome to bring an appetizer.

Rebecca Long's Garden
Tuesday, April 4th
4555 Del Monte Avenue, 92107



Dale Rekus and Jill West



Rita Krieger and Kathleen Honeysett



Rita with her finished product



Chinese lantern bouquet from Coleen Casey



Sherry Hebert by a plant sale sign.

FIELD TRIPS

Waterwise Botanicals

Wednesday, April 26

32151 Old Highway 395

Bonsall, CA

Waterwisebotanicals.com

Tour begins at 10:00 AM

Join us for a tour of this fantastic nursery (20 acres large). It's a bit of a drive up there (about 45 minutes), so carpooling is suggested. Not difficult to find. Straight up I-15 to the Old Highway 395 exit, back across the freeway and the garden entrance is on the right just past the overpass.

There are all sorts of plants from succulents to air plants to flowering plants that attract hummingbirds to purchase. There's a good variety of larger plants to put in your garden. It's very pretty with plants, gardens, ponds, and pathways. There's also a greenhouse with houseplants. I've been told it should be spectacular with the cactus in bloom at the time of our visit. Check out their website and click on the *In The Garden* link for articles, tips and hints.

We can drive 4 more miles north on Old Hwy 395 for a lunch at Aquaterra, on the grounds of Pala Mesa Resort.

As usual, carpoolers meet at the parking lot by Seahive. **Meet there by 9:00AM.** *Park towards the corner of Historic Decatur and Chauncey so as not to take away parking from the businesses there.*

Sherry Hebert-Field Trips



The gardens

April Calendar

April 1, Sat. – Plant Sale, Portuguese Hall
9 A.M. to Noon

April 4, Tues. – Social in the Garden, Home of
Rebecca Long, Reservations required.

April 5, Wed.- Board Meeting - Home of Sherry
Hebert

April 12, Wed. – General Meeting
9:30 Light Brunch
10:00 General Meeting

April 26, Wed. - Field Trip: Waterwise Botanicals,
Bonsall

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